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SUBJECT: STATUS OF EX-RVN DIPLOMATS IN MANILA

REF: A) MANILA 7449 B) MANILA 6886

- 1. ACTING SECRETARY FOR POL AFFAIRS MANALO TOLD EMBOFF
  JUNE 2 THAT MEMBERS OF FORMER RVN EMBASSY WOULD BE ALLOWED
  TO STAY HERE "INDEFINITELY". NEXT DAY'S MANILA BULLETIN
  CONTAINED STORY STATING THAT VIET DIPLOMATS GRANTED PERMISSION TO STAY "PENDING RELOCATION TO SOME OTHER COUNTRIES."
  BULLETIN REPORT SAID THAT ACCORDING FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SOURCES
  NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF RVN MISSION HAS APPLIED FOR POLITICAL
  ASYLUM "POSSIBLY TO SPARE THE PHLIPPINE GOVERNMENT THE
  EMBARRASSMENT THAT SUCH A REQUEST WOULD PROVOKE WITH THE
  COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT NOW IN THE SADDLE IN SAIGON."
- 2. MANALO SAID PRG HAD SENT MESSAGE ESTABLISHING CLAIM TO VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN MANILA BUT NO FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN ESTABLISHING TIES WITH EITHER DRV OR PRG (AND STILL ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE FROM CAMBODIANS.)
- 3. ACCORDING ONE EX-RVN DIPLOMAT, DFA HAS ASKED THEM TO VACATE EMBASSY PREMISES BY JUNE 6. HE SAID THAT SOME ARE STILL INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTANCE BY OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES BUT MOST ARE HOPING THAT REQUEST FOR REFUGEE

STATUS SUBMITTED TO USG WILL EVENTUALLY BE ACCEPTED (REF A.) (INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION HAS MOTHER, SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW ALREADY AT CAMP PENDLETON.)

4. COMMENT: VIETNAMESE AND CAMODIAN EXILES FALL UNDER PROVISION OF PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT (TITLE 47B) WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO WORK ONLY WITH PERMISSION OF COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION. IT IS OUR FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT GOP REGARDS THEIR PRESENCE AS STRICTLY TEMPORARY, DESPITE MANALO'S USE OF TERM "INDEFINITE" AND ONE PASSAGE IN BULLETIN STORY WHICH REFERS TO "CIVIC-SPIRITED PARTIES" WHO HAVE BEEN RAISING FUNDS TO HELP THEM "UNTIL THEY GET SETTLED DOWN." PURNELL

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